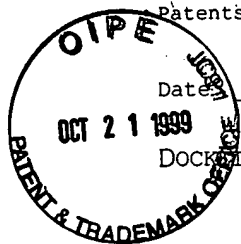


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EXAMINER: G. Kishore

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This amendment is submitted concurrently with a Request for Filing a Continued Prosecution Application. Prior to examination, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the claim amendments and to consider the following remarks, which are in response to the Final Office action dated July 9, 1999 in the above-identified application.

Amend the specification as follows:

In the Claims: Cancel claim 10 and amend claims 8 and 13 as follows:

8. (Thrice Amended) For use in a method of treating a site of systemic infection which is localized at a tissue site other than the fixed macrophages residing in the liver or the spleen, an injectable liposome composition which:

(a) is composed of vesicle-forming lipids including between 1-20 mole percent of an amphipathic vesicle-forming lipid derivatized with a hydrophilic biocompatible polymer selected from the group consisting of polyglycolic acid (PGA), polylactic acid (PLA), a